

RAIDERS

Minutes of the Board Meeting January 20, 2020

Present: Jodi Parker, Helen Crawford, Patricia Steele, Wendy Tyman, Brenda Neumann, Terry Martin, Arlene Cameron

Regrets: Nico Bidin, Greg Clarke

Guests: Shawn Blank

1. Approval of the Agenda

- a. Motion to approve the agenda by Patricia Steele seconded by Terry Martin.

Carried.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

- a. Motion that all Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) require 2 signatures of signing officers of the Board. Motion by Wendy Tyman seconded by Helen Crawford.

Carried.

3. Business Arising

- a. Shawn Blank gave an overview of Hockey Canada's new initiative called Atom Pathways. He provided estimates of the amount of ice needed to run extra practices, tryouts and sort outs. It was determined that a task force would need to be established in order to facilitate this mandate for the 20/21 season. The task force will consist of Brenda Neumann, Terry Martin, Emma Grimes, Gray Savoie, Shawn Blank and Arlene Cameron.

4. Motions

- a. Motion to have all PRCs for the current season entered in the HCR with at date of August 31 of the current year. This will simplify management of team approvals by our Registrar.

Motion by Wendy Tyman seconded by Patricia Steele

Carried.

- b. Motion to authorize funds for the Volunteer Appreciation Night.

Motion by Wendy Tyman seconded by Patricia Steele

Carried.

5. Area Reports

- a. **District Chair -Greg Clarke –**

A return to Minor Council after the Christmas break.

- i. The Ontario Women's Hockey Association (OWHA), which is a member partner of the OHF, has again requested of Hockey Canada to give them Branch status. Hockey Canada has punted the issue back to the 3 Ontario Branches for resolution.
- ii. The provincial AAA championships are undergoing a rebranding and logo change with the change in name of the divisions to U12, U14 and U18.
- iii. The Cyclones Major Peewee AAA team will be representing HEO at the Ontario Winter Games.
- iv. There was no representation from AAA again last night. The issue of the upcoming AAA president's meeting and their initiative of implementing spring tryouts. Several members expressed dismay on the lack of consultation with the District Chairs on this issue. This will be reflected at the meeting by the HEO Minor representative who will be attending the meeting.
- v. We had a presentation on the Atom (or should I say U10) Pathways initiative that will be implemented next year. I've asked for the relevant documents to be provided electronically so it can be discussed at the next NMHA Board meeting. This will require significant planning on the part of the NMHA to implement, particularly on our upcoming submissions for summer ice (April) and 2020-2021 ice (June). I would think that Shawn Blank, who is on the implementation task team, should be on hand as a resource.
- vi. The referees have requested a revised salary structure beginning in 2020-2021. The estimate is that it will cost an additional \$1 for each hour of ice. I will bring the proposal to the Board meeting.
- vii. After much to-and-fro with HEO and Hockey Canada, Craig Shouldice will shortly be distributing an official affiliation policy for HEO Minor.
- viii. In my report to Council, I mentioned the friendly game organized by Fei Peng, who has his daughter Yoanna is on our Minor Atom B White team, who assembled a team of Canadian-born players of Chinese descent (from across HEO) to play a friendly game with the Chengdu Warriors, who were playing in the Bell Capital Cup. Between

HEO and me, we created the legal environment so this game could proceed. A side benefit is now HEO has established a protocol for obtaining approval to hold these types of events.

- ix. I was informed that Barb Levere, president of HEO, has taken it upon herself to attend Raiders day January 19. I have had no communication with Barb on this matter. I will follow up.

b. Referee in Chief (RIC) – Nico Bidin –

- i. Nico will be presenting a proposal to the Board for an increase in compensation for timekeepers for 2020-2021. He will work out the financials and present a report to the Board soon.

c. President – Brenda Neumann –

- i. The City has let us know they are increasing the ice costs again. This is to the additional amount they increased at the end of last year.
- ii. I was approached by a MTG broker that wanted to sponsor a team and will donate \$500 to the NMHA for every MTG closed by a member. It was discussed and the Board agreed this would be doable.

d. VP Competitive – Arlene Cameron –

- i. Competitive teams are preparing for playoffs. 17 teams have qualified for the first round. Planning for next season is about to be underway with the Competitive Coach application being posted in early February. Deadline for applying will be March 31st.
- ii. Raiders Day

A huge Thank You to Rebecca Shewfelt, for once again taking this on. She and her team of volunteers do an amazing job of running a raffle table, selling NMHA merchandise, getting donations for the Barrhaven Food Bank. Rebecca also arranged for Mayor, Jim Watson, City Councilor Jan Harder, Greg Clarke, District Chair, Brenda Neumann, NMHA President and Joanne Hicks, OBMHL Representative to be on hand for the ceremonial faceoff. We also had Riley the Raccoon visit for 2 hours and Hot 89.9 came out to provide music throughout the day. Two former NHL players (Brad Smith and Fred Brathwaite) made appearances in the dressing room to chat with players. Rebecca continues to grow this event every year.

e. VP House – Helen Crawford –

- i. Planning is underway for the Novice Fun Day. Feedback from teams that have had Tony lob join their teams for practice is very positive. Coaches are very happy with

him.

f. VP Operations – Terry Martin –

- i. Planning for new socks to arrive end of May. We will be just ordering with black socks from now on. Victoria and I will be going to Dymon on Tuesday to sort through the new sweaters and rebuild teams.

g. VP Finance – Wendy Tyman –

- i. Cash: \$517K compared to last year of \$823K (timing and low enrollment are reasons for the differences) Net Surplus: \$243K Compared to last year: \$521K. The difference is due to timing and also to the \$80K less in revenue because of low registration There is still \$336k of ice billings remaining or the year and approximately \$140k for referee costs.
- ii. Spoke of a couple of kids that have not paid their team fees.
- iii. To follow up Sage: We are letting go of the payroll module. Will save \$400 a year.
- iv. Auditors will have the statements ready very soon. We need to book the AGM - Decision May 12th

h. Director At Large – Patricia Steele –

- i. All PRCs are up to date.

i. Director At Large – Jodi Parker –

- i. Plans for VAN are coming along. We will be handing out bracelets to the DD's as pop and water are free.

6. Next Meeting Date: February 10, 2020.

7. Motion to adjourn by Helen Crawford seconded by Terry Martin.

Carried.